

# PUBLIC•SAFETY RADIO INTEGRATED SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT

### RRSM RROGRAM

California presentation to colleagues at the

### Public Safety Wireless Network Las Vegas Symposium

October 24th, 2001



#### **AGENDA**

- 1. A Prelude to Action
- 2. A Compelling Case for Change
- 3. Project Background
- 4. A Vision for Public Safety Radio
- 5. Alternatives Analysis
- 6. Proposed Systems Solution
- 7. Characteristics
- 8. Implementation
- 9. Risk Areas/Critical Success Factors
- 10. Concept Demonstration (Pilot)



### ALLIED AGENCY PARTICIPANTS













ALIFORNIA

CDC



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## STATE PUBLIC SAFETY AGENCY BASIC MISSION

> "...to provide effective [e.g., coordinated, etc.] and reliable law enforcement, fire protection, emergency response, transportation management, flood control, detention, rehabilitation, and other public safety services to over 34 million California residents and 44 million California visitors each year."



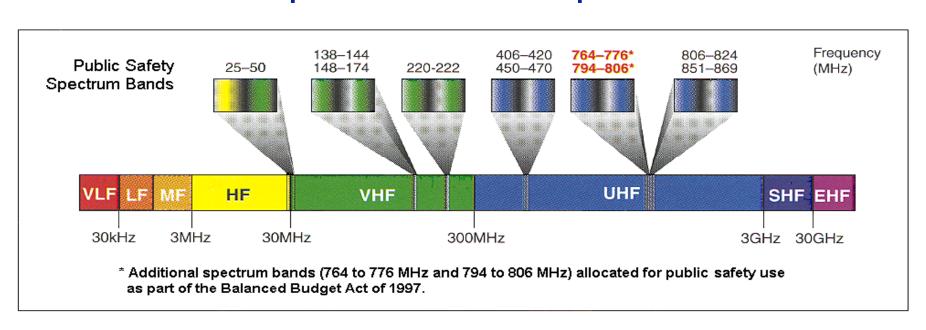
- Current California Radio Communications System Status
  - ➤ "...lack of effective and reliable radio communications is impeding California's state public safety agencies' ability to perform their most elemental mission: the protection of life and property...."



- Existing California State Radio Systems
  - ➤ Lack of Interoperability
    - Separate and incompatible radio systems
  - ➤ Channel congestion
  - Antiquated systems and aging equipment
  - > Some systems no longer supported



### What are the public safety bands from which we can attempt to obtain frequencies?





- Associated Risks of Deteriorating Radio Systems
  - Endangerment of field personnel
  - Lower levels of service
  - Obsolescence
  - Inability to support future growth



- Narrowing Window of Opportunity
  - ➤ Competition for Spectrum Resources
    - demand is exceeding availability
  - Changing Regulations
    - ➤narrow-banding, et cetera
  - ➤ New Technologies
    - ➤ increased functionality allows greater flexibility
  - ➤ Rising Costs
    - ➤to maintain old systems



#### **CALIFORNIA'S RESPONSE**

➤ The State's ten largest public safety agencies and DGS initiated a collaborative effort to develop a statewide strategy for public safety radio communications. Recognizing the potential benefits of partnering, the Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee was established in 12/94



### PROJECT BACKGROUND

12/94	Strategic Planning Committee established
8/95	Internal assessments completed
12/95	Current systems surveyed
3/96	Operational needs and requirements defined;
	Over 200 agency employees provided input
7/96	Strategic vision defined;
	Recommendations developed
1/97	Strategic Plan adopted by Committee
5/97	Initial sub-committees formed



### PROJECT BACKGROUND

1/00	Governor's Budget includes pilot initial planning and design funding (\$3.4 million)
	pilot project
9/99	Budget Change Proposal submitted for the
5/99	Pilot project scope finalized
4/99	Cost-benefit analysis finalized
12/98	First pilot project areas selected for evaluation
	State radio traffic load analyses begun
8/97	State radio coverage modeling begun;
6/97	Cost-benefit alternatives analysis begun



### A VISION FOR PUBLIC SAFETY RADIO



The California Public Safety Radio Strategic Planning Committee Vision:

...to leverage existing investments in infrastructure while moving rapidly and decisively to meet targeted goals for universal statewide access, improved interoperability, enhanced functionality, and adequate channel availability.



### STRATEGIC ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Each Agency Meets Its Own Requirements By Building Systems Independently

Agencies Meet Requirements
 By Building A Common
 (Shared) Network



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➤ \$4.3 Billion\*

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➤ \$3.5 Billion\*

Agencies Meet Requirements By Building A Common (Shared) Network



<sup>\*15</sup> Year Life Cycle Cost (comprises all site development and leasing costs, system[s] maintenance, replacement equipment, circuit fees, et cetera)



#### **ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS**

#### > Functional Criteria

- Does element meet individual and collective needs?
- Does element enhance mission readiness/ capabilities?
- > Fiscal Criteria
  - ➤ Is it cost effective?
  - ➤ Do benefits outweigh costs?
  - ➤ Is additional funding required?



### ALTERNATIVES ANALYSIS Continued

- ➤ Availability Criteria
  - ➤ Technology/spectrum available?
  - What is life expectancy?
  - Will vendors support element long-term?
  - Is element backward compatible/forward migratable?
  - Open architecture?
- ➤ Et Cetera



### TECHNOLOGICAL ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

Implement a Satellite-Based Communications System(s)

➤ Build a UHF-Only (406-869 MHz) Voice/Data Network of Systems

Build a Hybrid (VHF HB/UHF) Voice/Data Network of Systems



## PROPOSED SYSTEMS SOLUTION

#### Conclusion:

- ➤ Shared, statewide, public safety radio communications network comprised of:
  - Hybrid voice and data networks
    - ➤ Use of multiple technologies and frequency bands
  - System optimization necessary to meet agencyunique requirements
  - Leveraging existing facility and equipment investments



## PROPOSED SYSTEMS SOLUTION

### Why Do It This Way?

- Compelling reasons for shared interagency network approach
  - technology changes compel movement
  - > federal mandates and initiatives
  - state cannot afford independent systems
  - ➤ facilitates interagency interoperability
  - ➤ faster, more accurate access to information



### HYBRID (VHF HB/UHF) VOICE/DATA NETWORK





## PROPOSED SYSTEMS SOLUTION

- Compelling reasons for a trunked voice radio network approach
  - > full-featured radio communications
  - channel congestion relief (with same number of channels)
  - agency autonomy is retained
  - > permits prioritization of users and messages



## PROPOSED SYSTEMS SOLUTION

- Compelling reasons for a mobile data network approach
  - > rapid transmission of information
  - reduced requirement for human intervention
  - > reduced voice channel congestion
  - increased operational efficiency
  - ➤ improved personnel safety when emergency access to voice channels is necessary



#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- Concepts Tested With Initial Deployment Project (2002 through 2004)
- Phased Build-Out Over Fifteen Years (2002 through 2017)
  - Subsequent area sequences based on selection criteria
    - greatest operational need
    - availability of spectrum within candidate area
    - best opportunity



#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- Graceful Transition From Old To New Radio System
  - Ability to revert to existing radio system for predetermined period
    - vehicle fleet and sites equipped with old and new for a time
    - communications centers able to transmit on old and/or new radio systems



#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

#### ➤ Phased Build-Out Over Fifteen Years

	Years
➤ Initial Deployment	1 - 4
➤ Majority of Infrastructure Build Out	4 - 12
➤ Department Transitions	3 - 15



- > Spectrum
  - ➤ Availability
    - > When and where needed
      - > competition
        - > commercial
        - public safety
  - ➤ Adequacy
    - Sufficient to meet current & future traffic load needs of proposed and future participants



#### > Facilities

- ➤ New or existing site acquisition/development
  - ➤ Availability in the time frames needed
    - > critical to meeting cost and schedule targets
  - ➤ Adequate
    - > space and services
      - ➤ tower, vault, HVAC, power, et cetera
  - ➤ Unforeseens
    - ➤ Environmental, city council, bureaucratic, et cetera opposition to any new/further site development



- > Funding
  - Sequenced development dependent on timely availability of \$\$\$'s
    - ➤ Delays in funding will result in escalating costs
  - Program spans multiple administrations
    - ➤ Could lose funding
    - Could lose political support



#### ➤ Vendors

- Ability to meet scope, schedule, and cost objectives
- Proprietary architectures
  - Incompatibility with other vendor protocols
  - ➤ Sole-source solution
- ➤ Solution(s)
  - Viability, reliability, and maintainability over 15 years



- ➤ State Services
  - ➤ Interagency cooperation
  - Ability to meet scope, schedule, and cost objectives
    - Critical to program success
    - ➤ Failure to do so will result in escalating costs and compounded schedule delays



#### CALIFORNIA IN PERSPECTIVE

- ➤ Comprises 158,869 mi², an area comparable to the the combined areas of the following adjacent states:
  - ➤ Pennsylvania (46,058 miles²),
  - ➤ New York (53,989 miles²),
  - ➤ Vermont (9,615 miles²),
  - ➤ New Hampshire (9,283 miles²),
  - ➤ Massachusetts (9,241 miles²),
  - ➤ Connecticut (5,544 miles²),
  - ➤ Rhode Island (1,231 miles²),
  - ➤ New Jersey (8,215 miles²),
  - ➤ Delaware (2,396 miles²),
  - ➤ Maryland (12,297 miles²), and
  - ➤ Washington, D.C. (68 miles²)

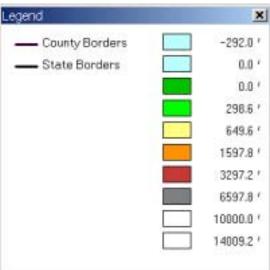
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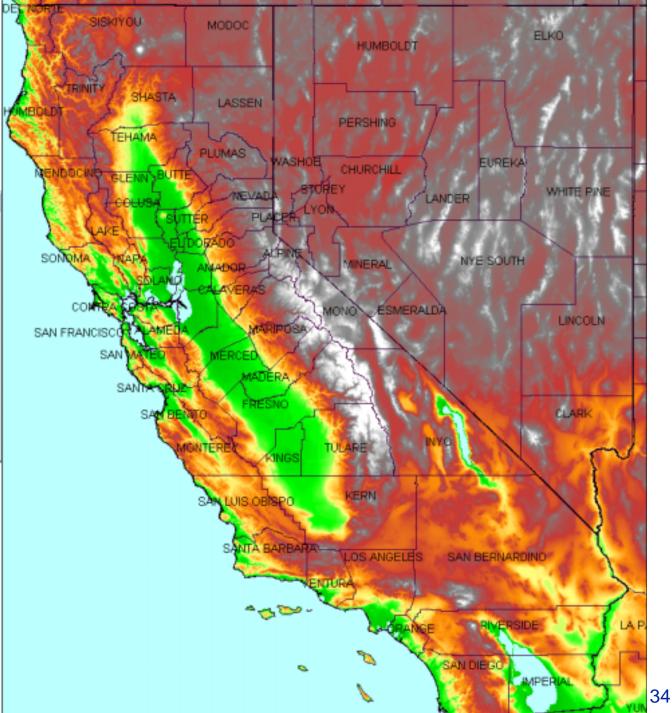
- ▶770 miles in length
  - ➤ Comparable distances:
    - ➤ Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Jacksonville, Florida (761 miles)
    - ➤ Chicago, Illinois to Mobile, Alabama (770 miles)
    - ➤ Fort Worth, Texas to Atlanta, Georgia (750 miles)
    - ➤ Las Vegas, Nevada to Amarillo, Texas (753 miles)
    - ➤ Butte, Montana to Flagstaff, Arizona (745 miles)
- ≥250 miles wide





Lowest point: Death Valley (-282 ft.)

Highest point: Mount Whitney (14,494 ft.)





### Radio Propagation Model

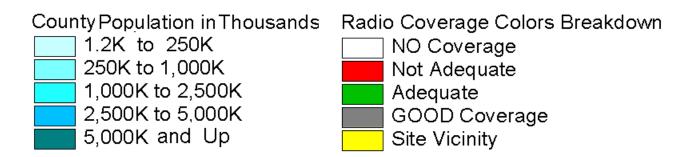
- ➤ National Bureau of Standards NBS-101 (Improved Longley-Rice Model)
- ➤ Universal Model for varying terrain types
- ➤ USGS 3 arc second terrain elevation data
- ➤ Newly available Land Use, Land Cover (LULC) data\*

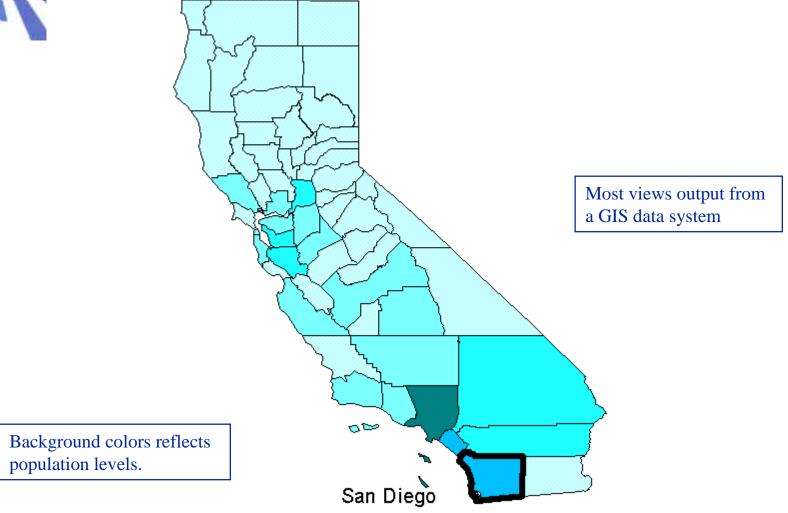
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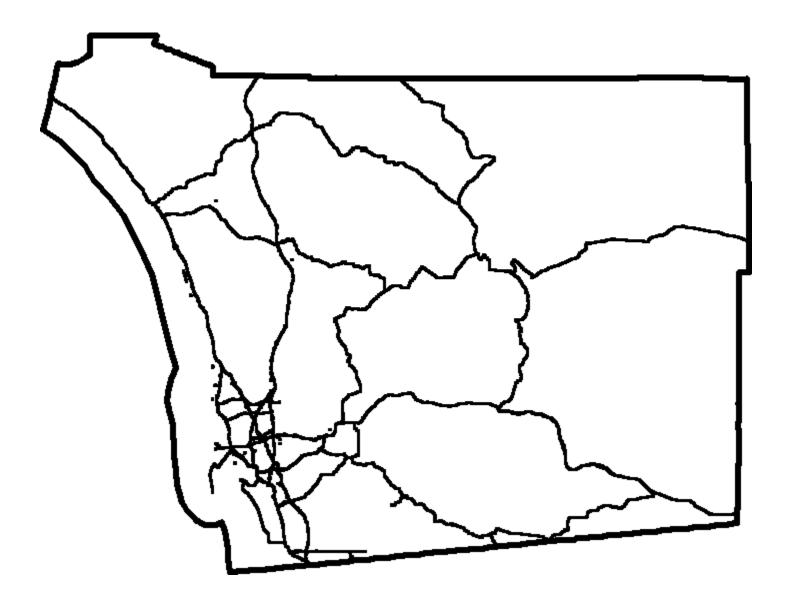
#### Partial Legend of Symbols

- TD Maintained Sites (Appearance 1: Selected)
- TD Maintained Sites (Appearance 2: Var Colors UNSelected)
- San Diego Co Regional Communications System Sites
- ★ CHP Remote Base Stations (Appearance 1)
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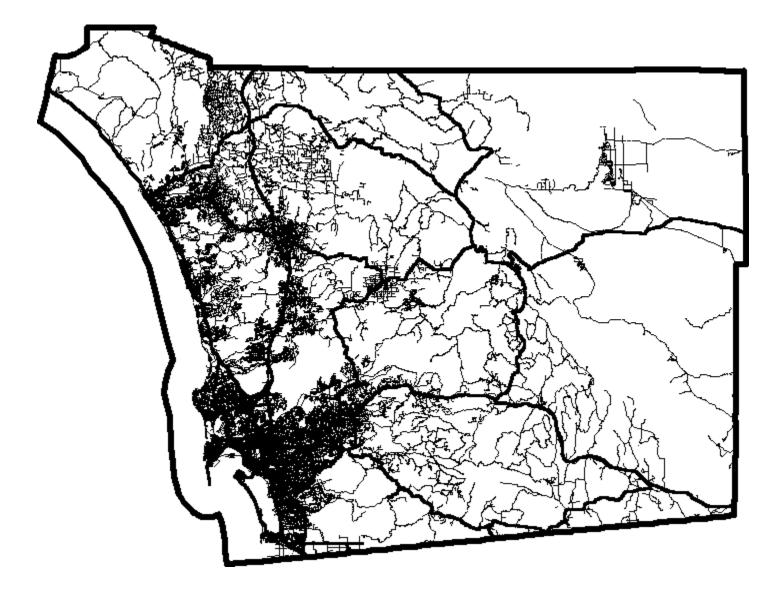


San Diego County



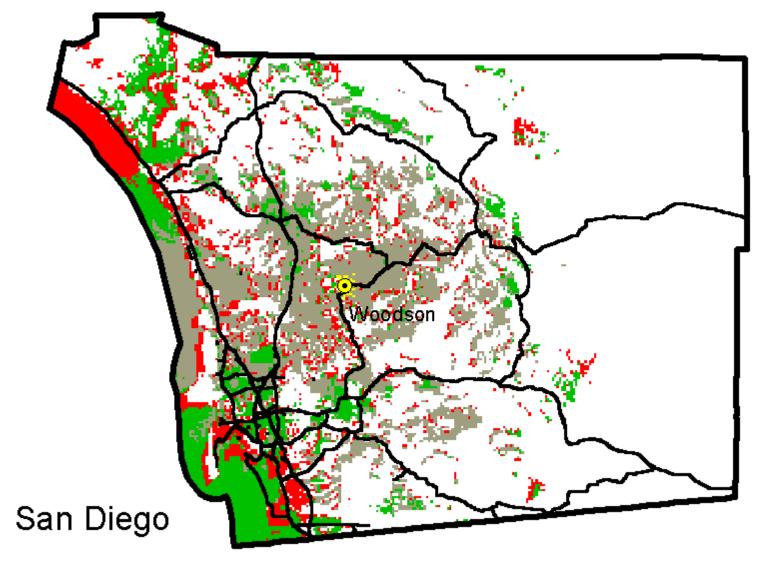
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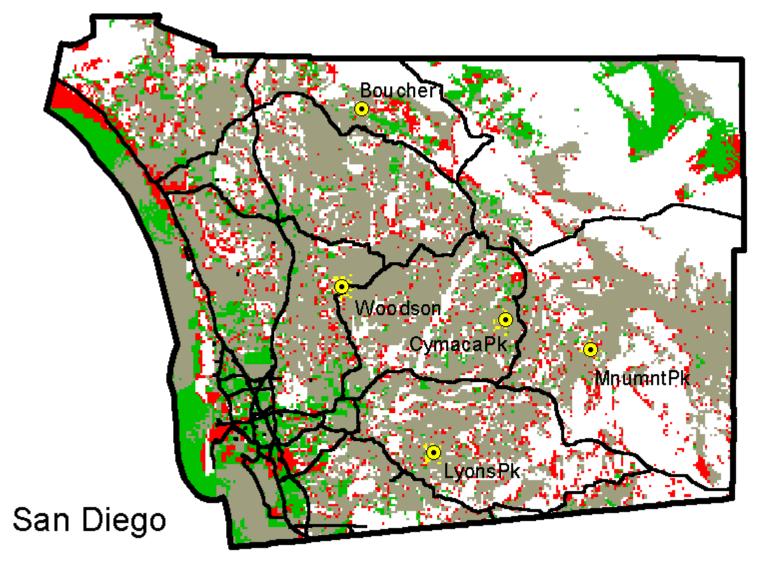
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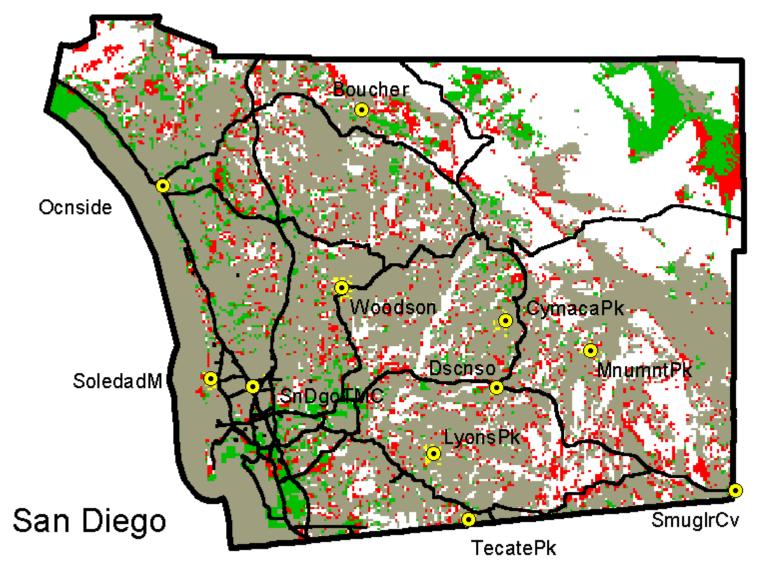
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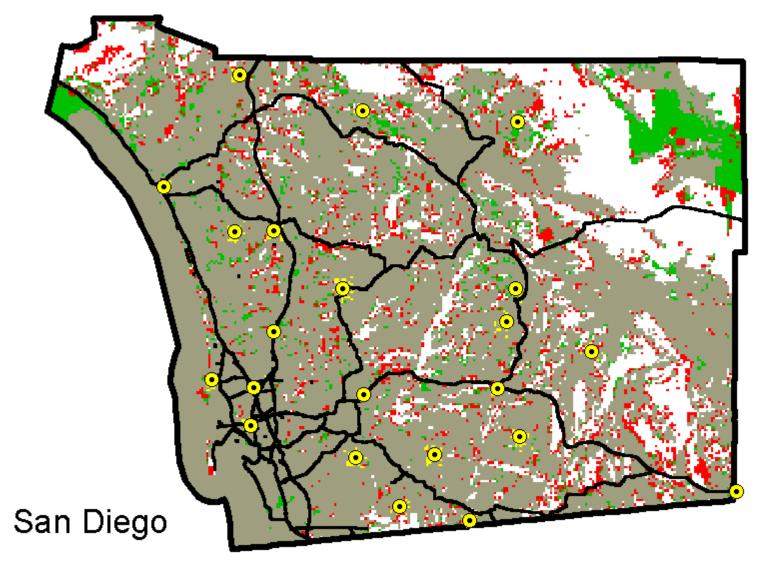
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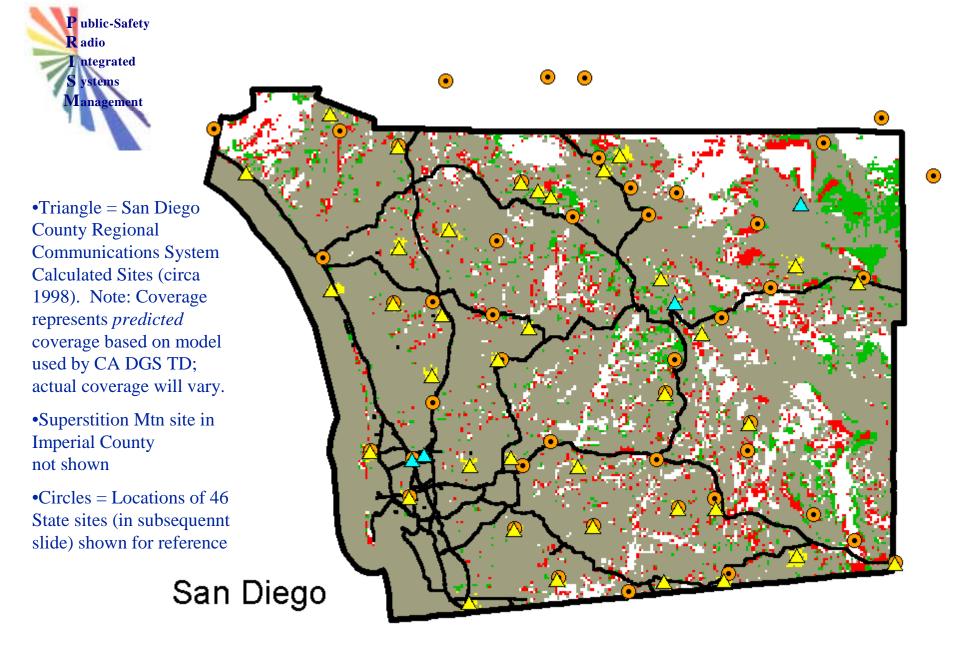


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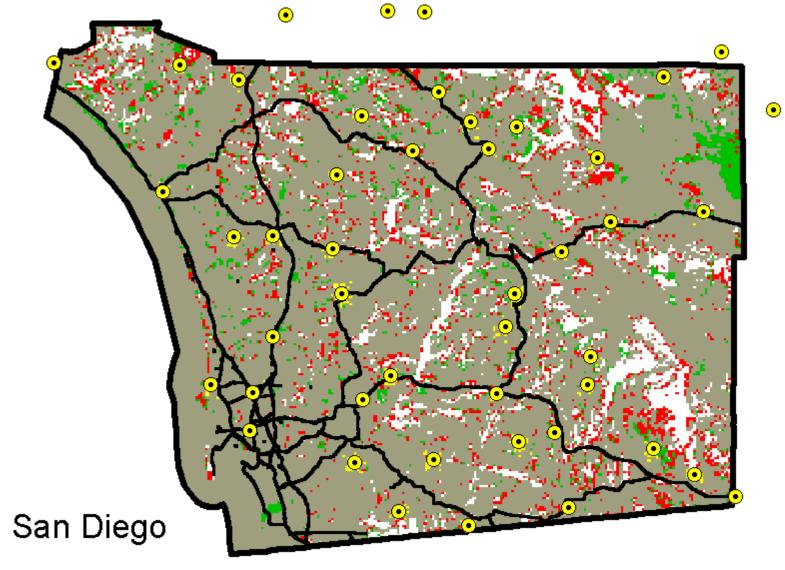


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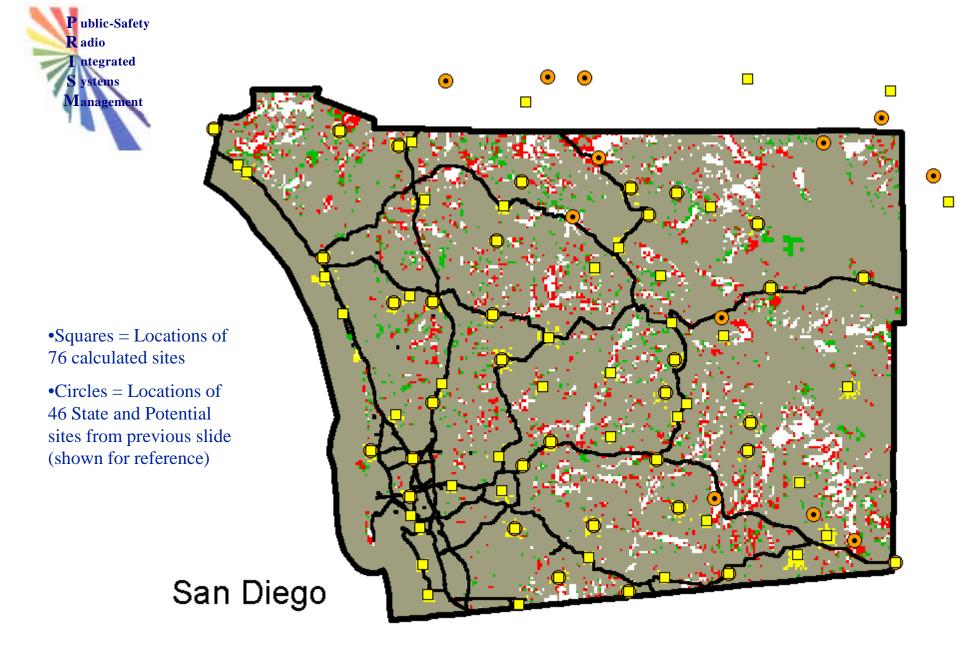


San Diego County Coverage - 39 County RCS Sites



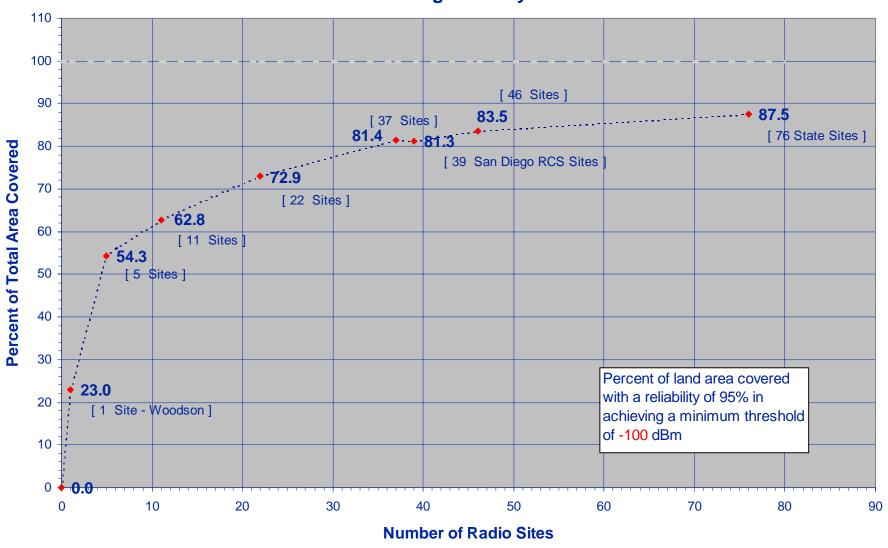


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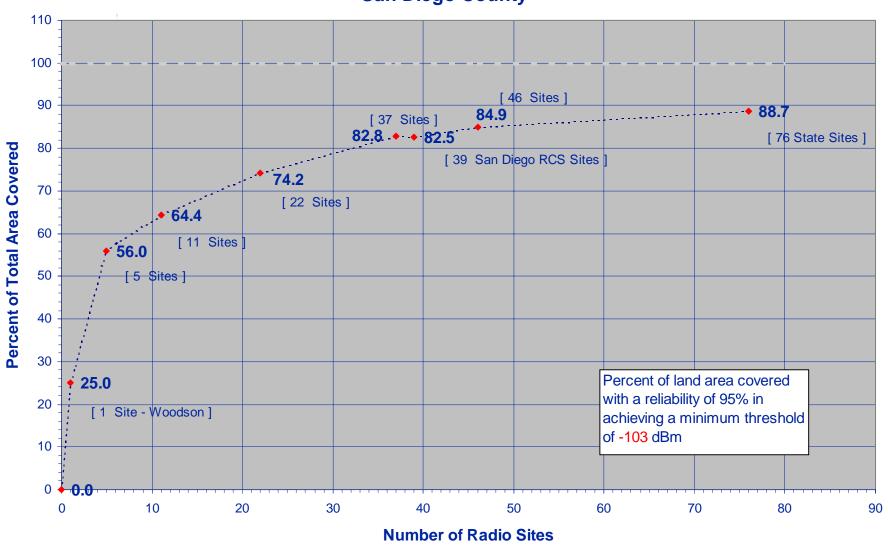


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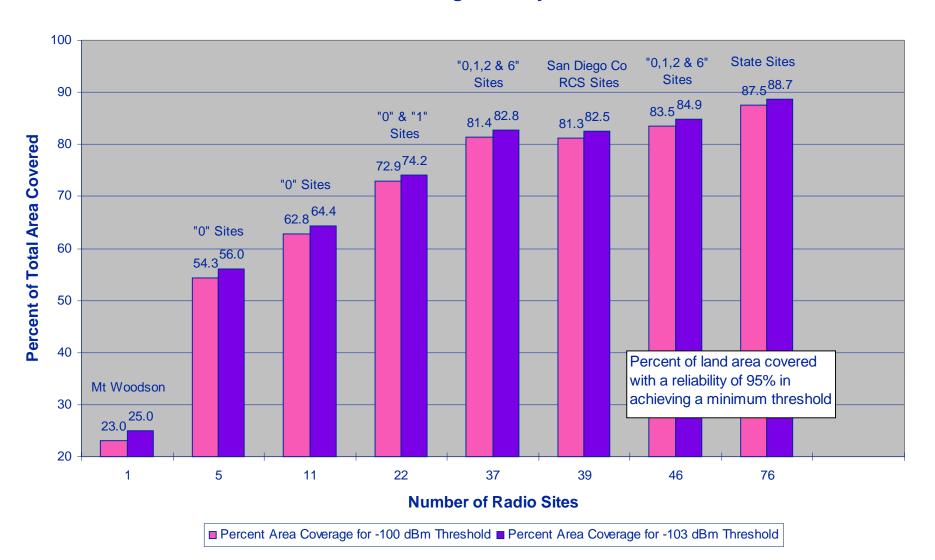
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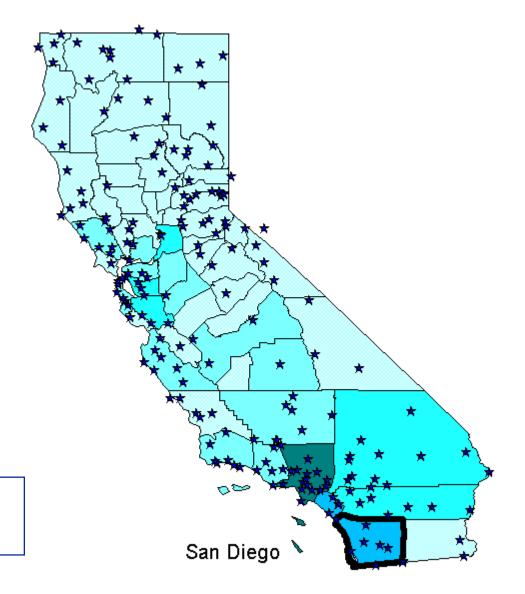
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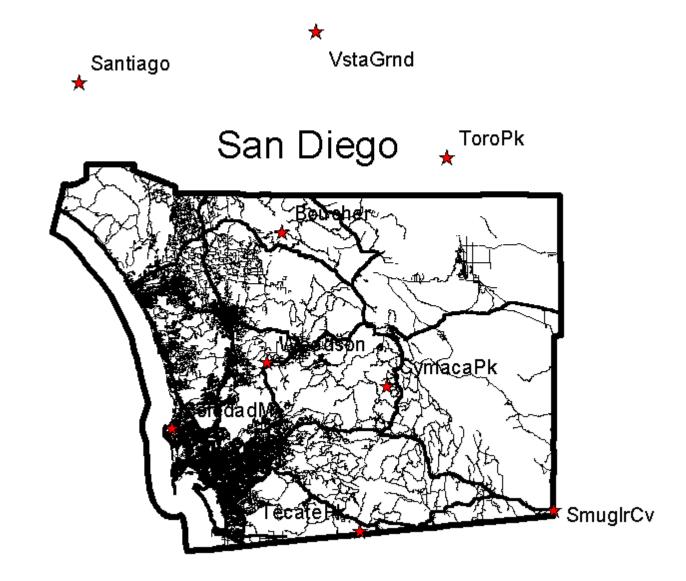
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- Background colors reflects population levels.
- CHP sites indicated.

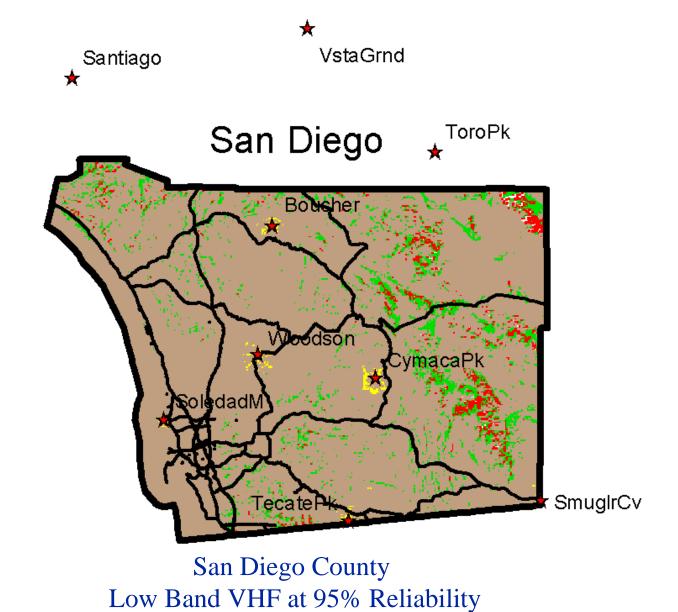
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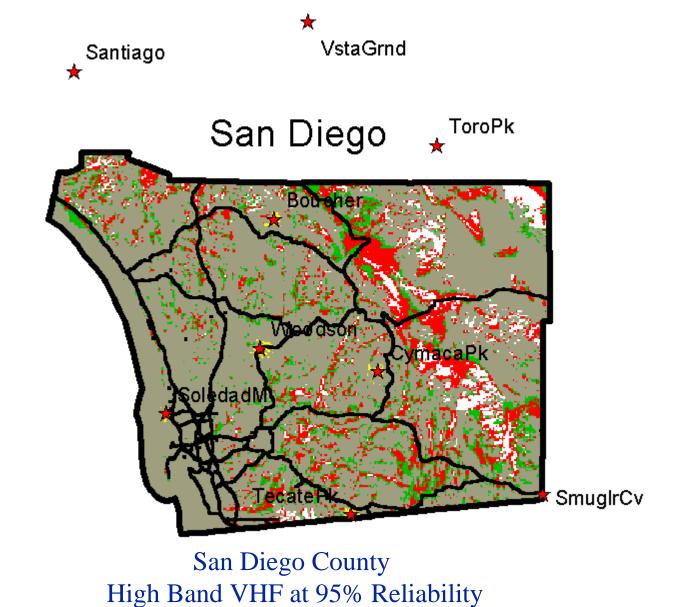


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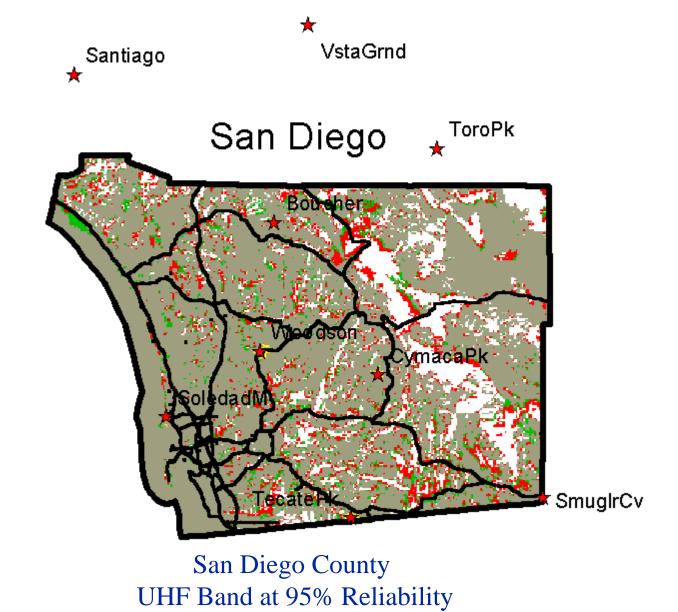




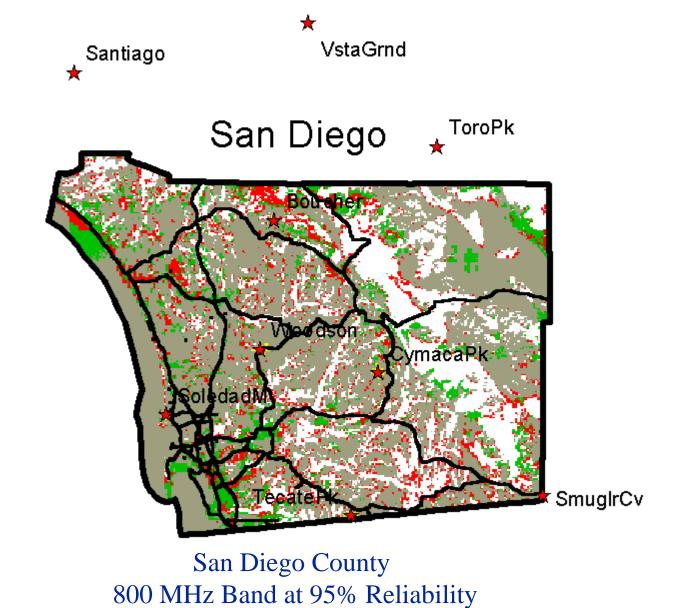










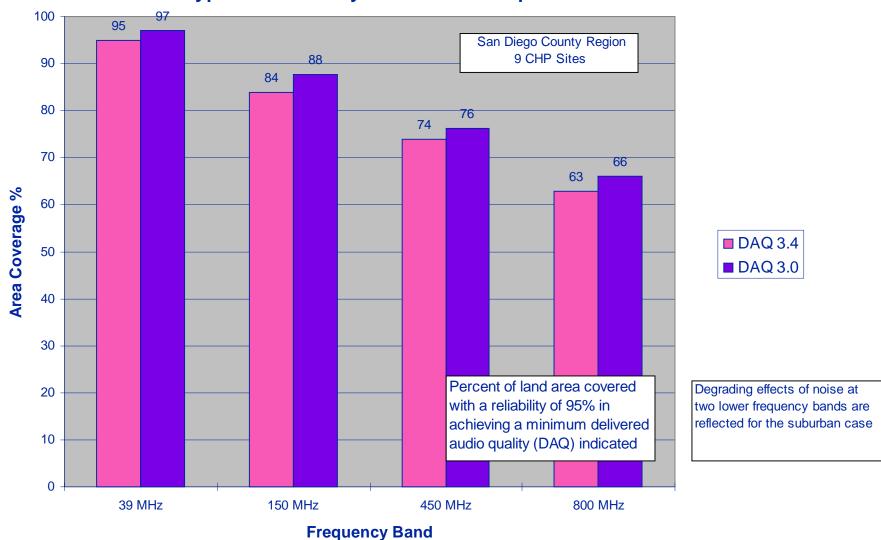


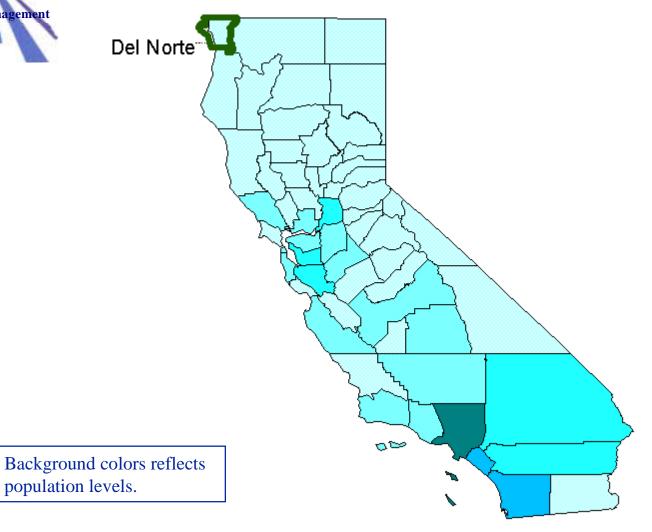




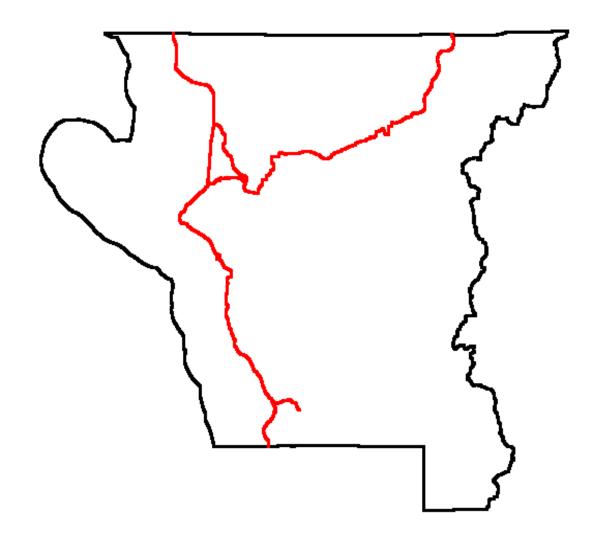
San Diego County 800 MHz Band at 90% Reliability

# RELATIVE AREA COVERAGE COMPARISON VERSUS FREQUENCY BAND Typical Antenna System Limitations per Band





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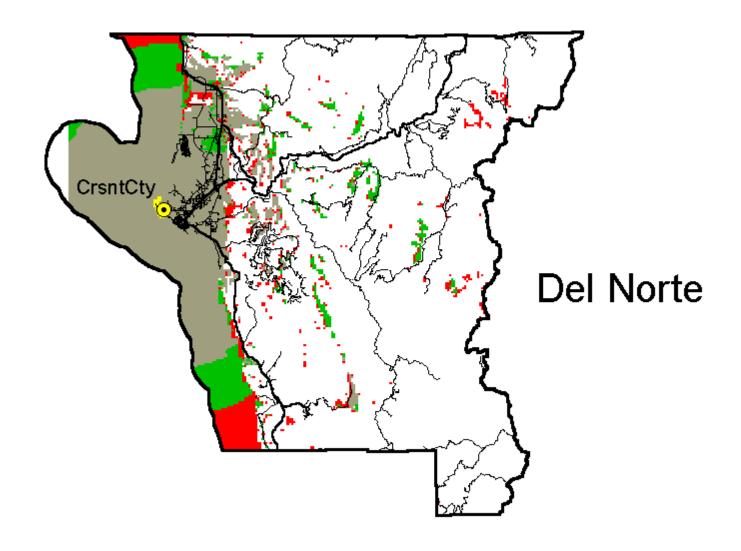
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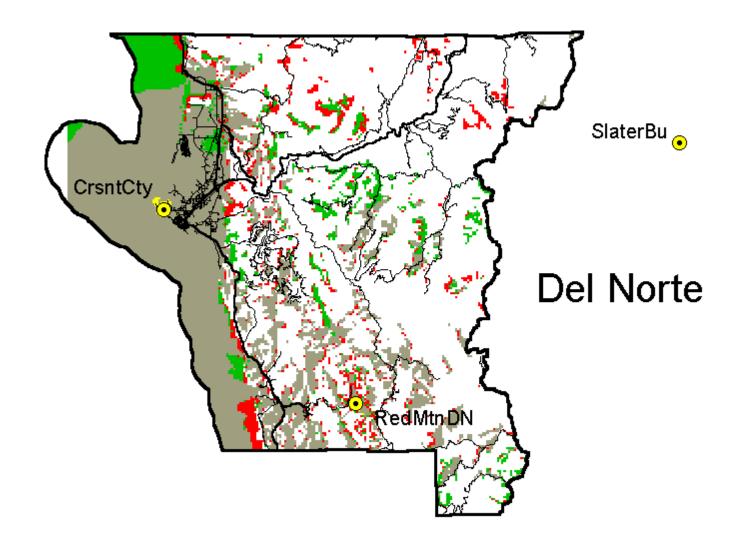
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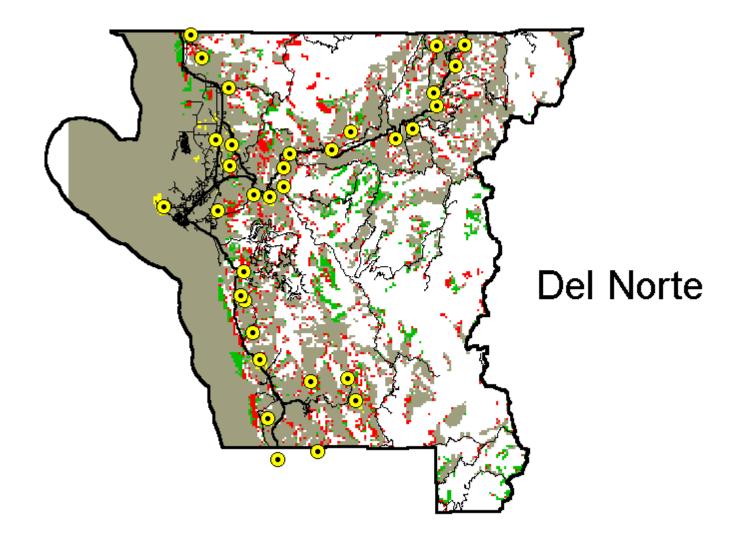
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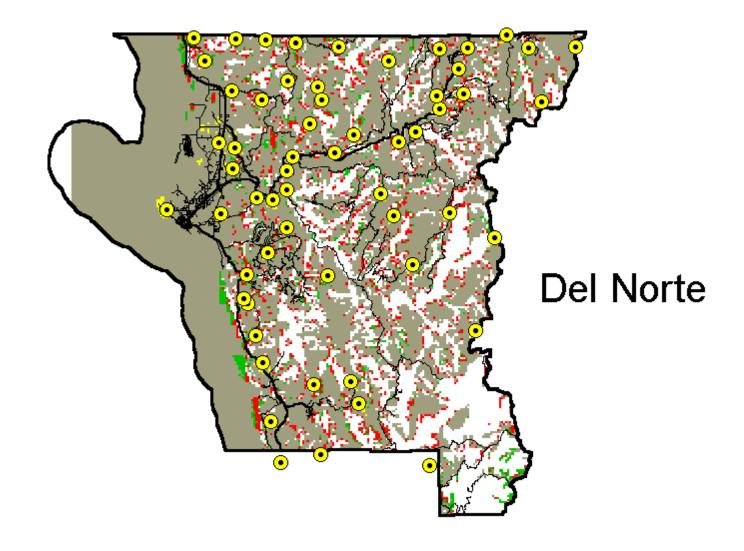
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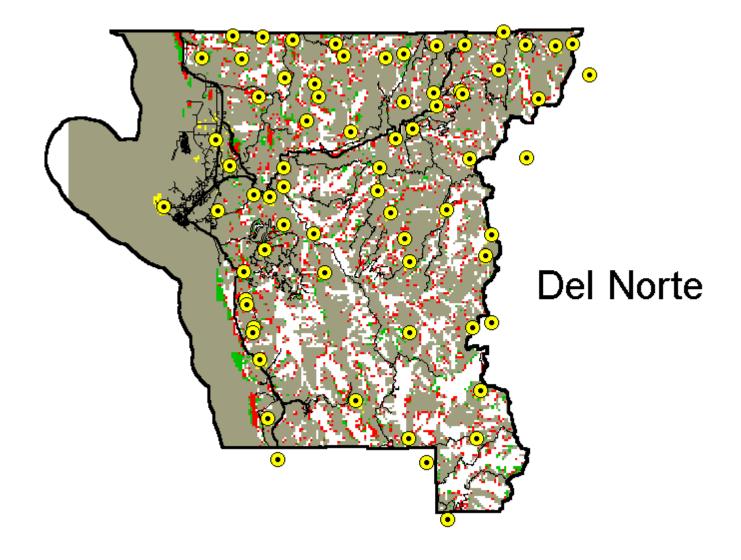
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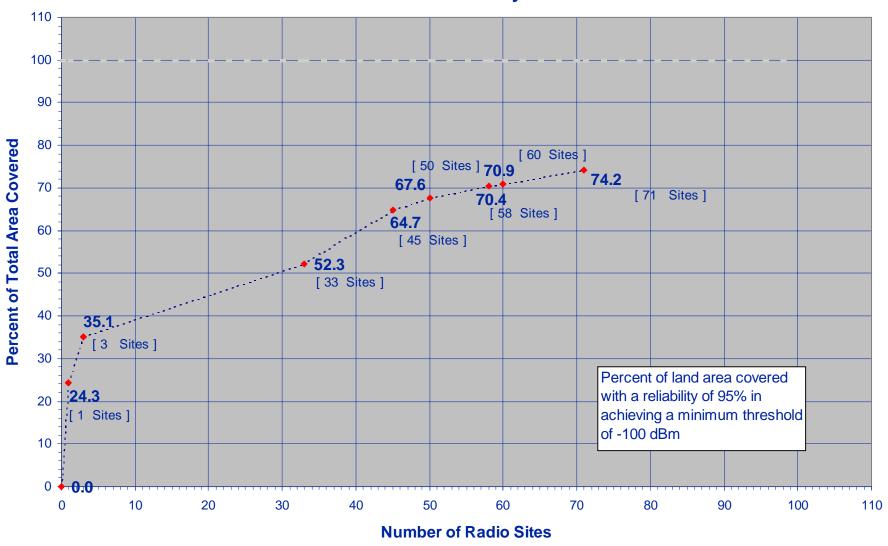
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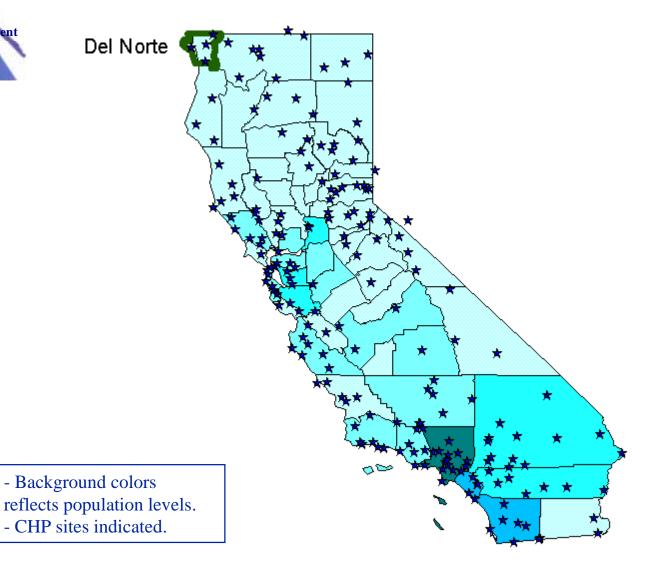
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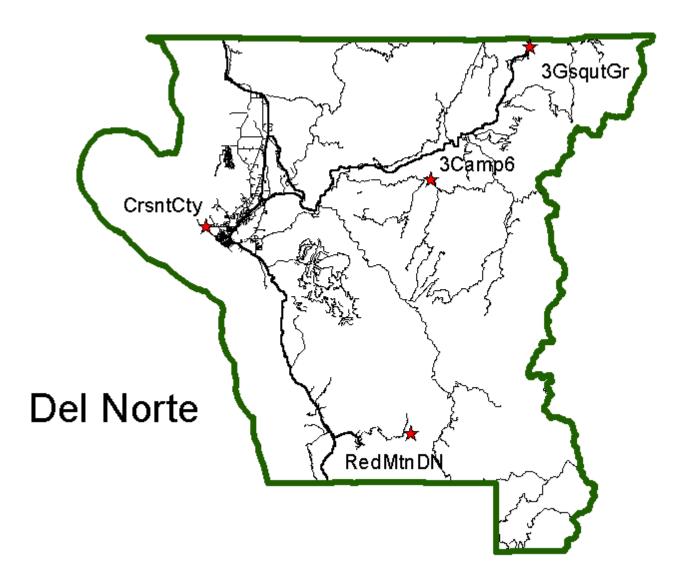
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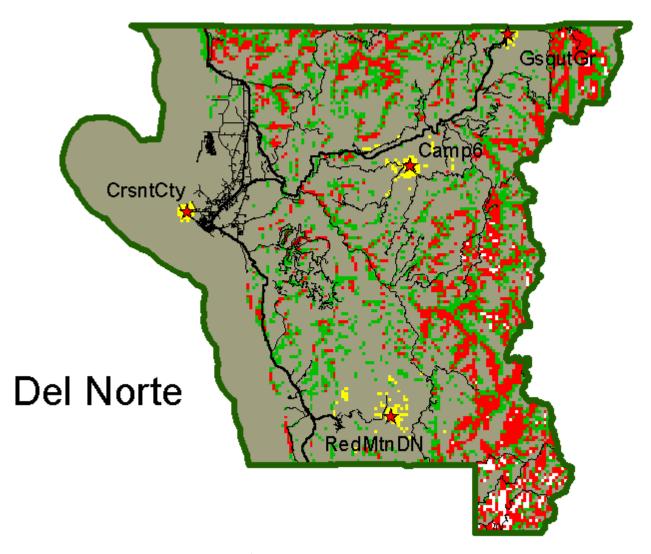
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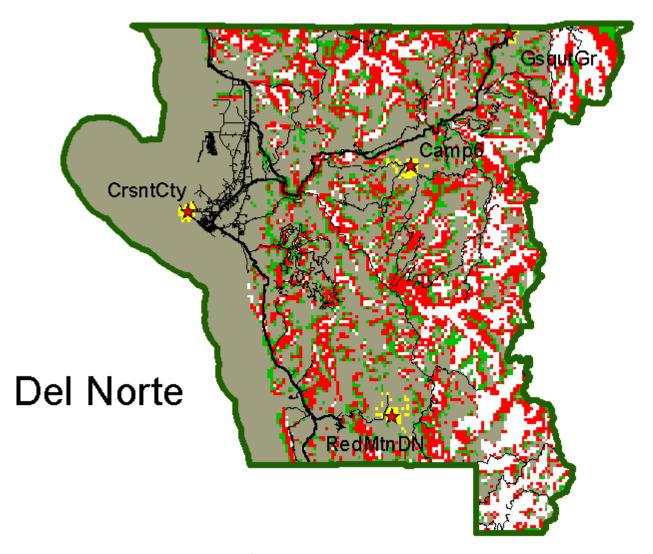
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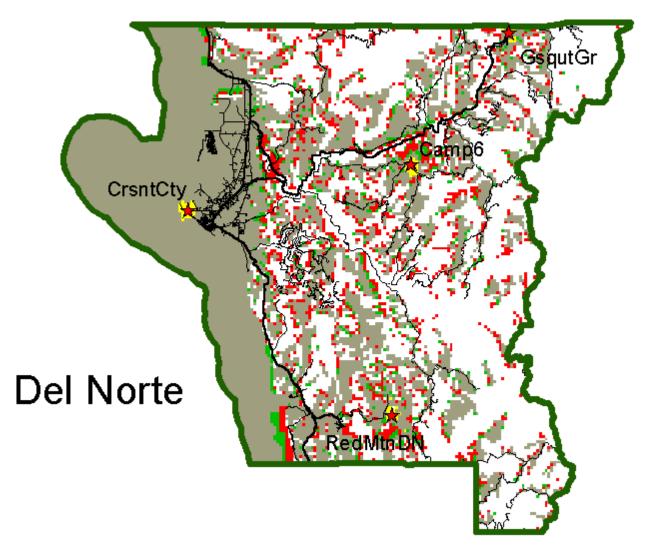
Del Norte County Low Band VHF at 95% Reliability





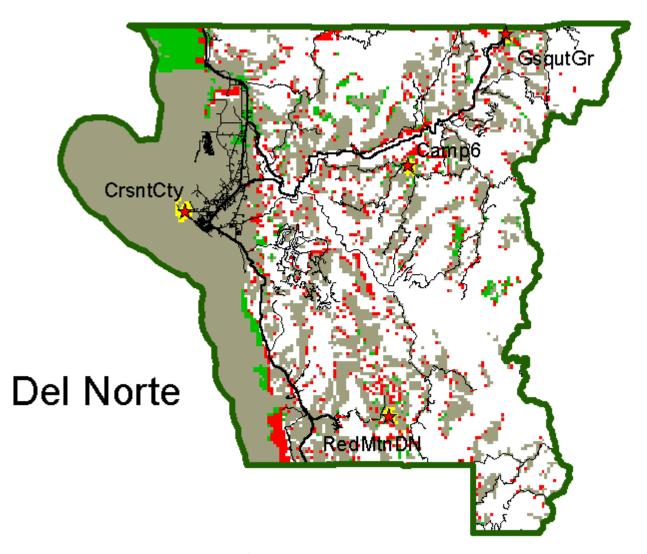
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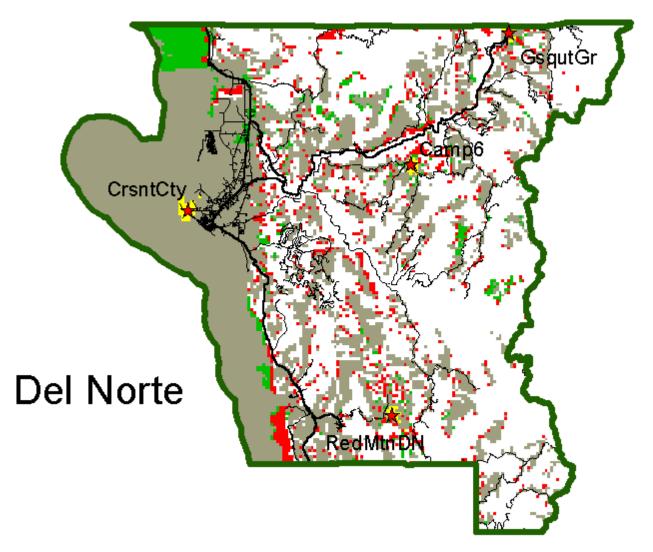
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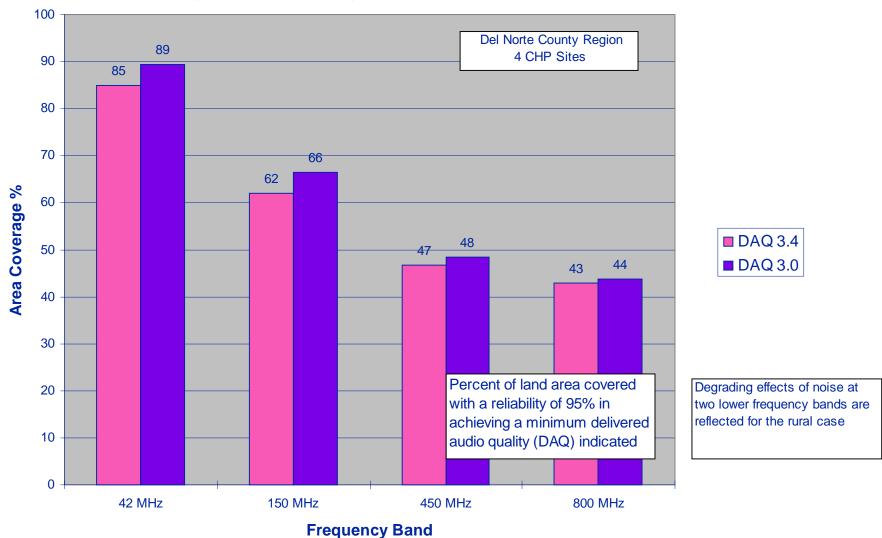
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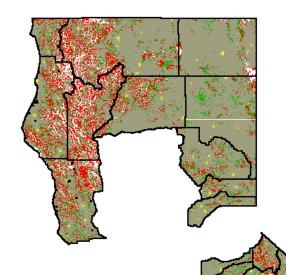
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## RELATIVE AREA COVERAGE COMPARISON VERSUS FREQUENCY BAND Typical Antenna System Limitations per Band





# 150 MHz SYSTEM COVERAGE IN AFFECTED COUNTIES



#### Legend:

Beige: Good Signal Strength

Green: Adequate Signal Strength

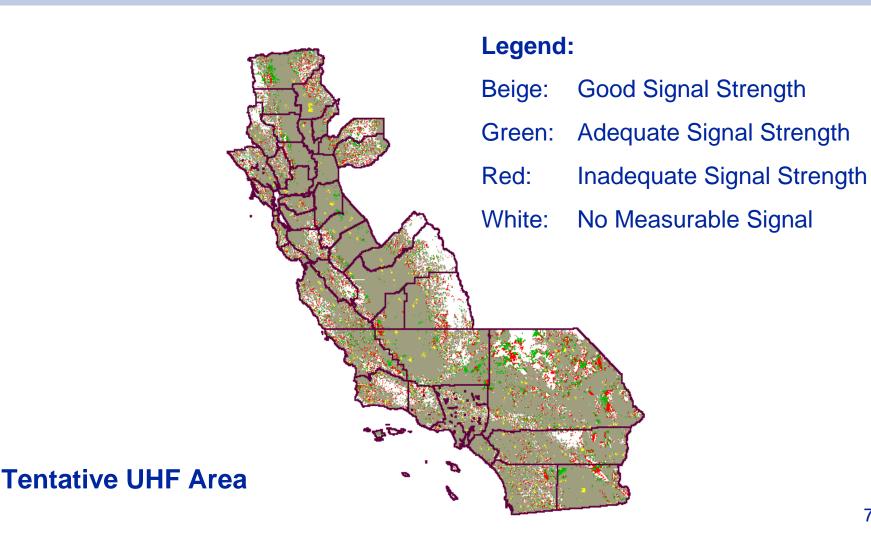
Red: Inadequate Signal Strength

White: No Measurable Signal





# 800 MHz SYSTEM COVERAGE IN AFFECTED COUNTIES





# CANDIDATE PHASE I PROJECT AREAS

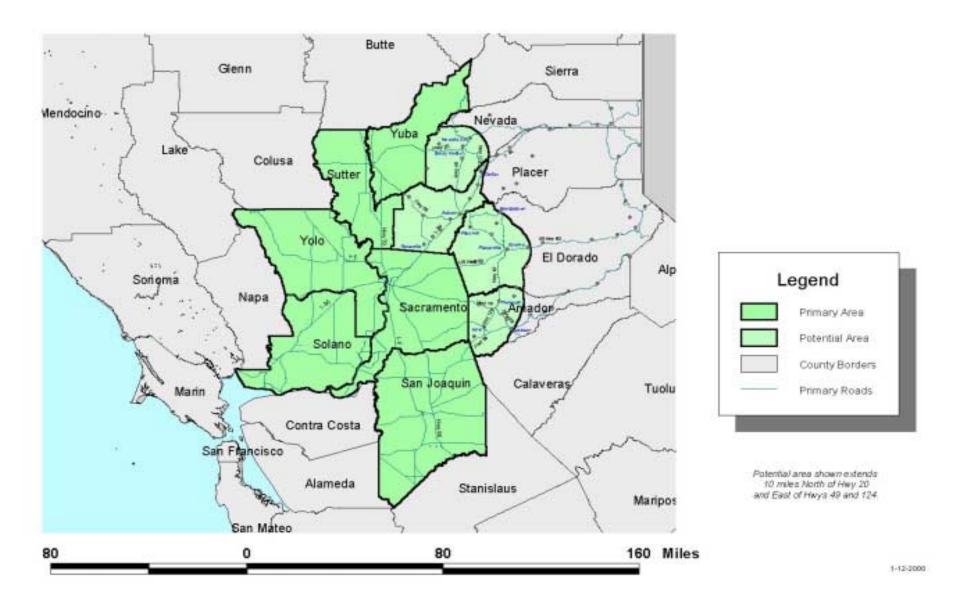
- ➤ The initial deployment will be scrutinized to validate assumptions and concepts prior to statewide deployment.
- Two candidate areas under consideration for initial deployment
  - Sacramento Valley Project Area
  - Central Valley Project Area



## SACRAMENTO PHASE I PROJECT AREA

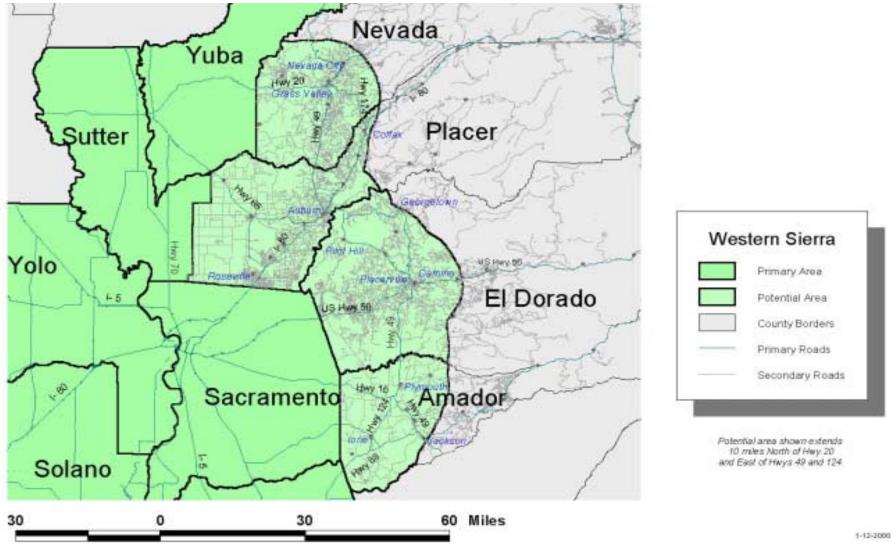
- ➤Will comprise all, or some subset of, six full counties and four partial county (≤ 7,100 mi²)
- ➤ Comparable in area to the aggregate of the Hawaiian Islands at 6,459 mi<sup>2</sup>, or the combination of Connecticut at 5,544 mi<sup>2</sup> and adjacent Rhode Island at 1,231 mi<sup>2</sup>
- ➤ Representative of service area elevations mostly ≤3,000 ft.

### **SACRAMENTO PHASE I PROJECT AREA**



#### EASTERN SACRAMENTO PROJECT AREA

(with secondary roads revealing concentration of population)





## SACRAMENTO PHASE I PROJECT AREA

- Leveraging existing equipment may include making use of existing infrastructures where practicable
  - ➤ Example: The County of Sacramento has a fivesite, twenty-five channel analog trunked radio system with portable coverage outside buildings if held at head level
  - ➤ CHP has a need for coverage within many of Sacramento's state buildings. These buildings are, in many cases, dense.



### **ECONOMIES OF SCALE**

- ➤ Benefits Derived Through Collaboration:
  - ➤ Significant non-recurring engineering (NRE) being performed on behalf of the statewide PRISM Program and PRISM Initial Project has the potential to significantly benefit the non-state candidate PS subscribers and vice versa; i.e., they would benefit from the economies of scale afforded by being one of many in pursuit of common goals
  - ➤ The State will benefit by being one step closer towards achieving its vision of seamless multijurisdictional, multioperational interoperability

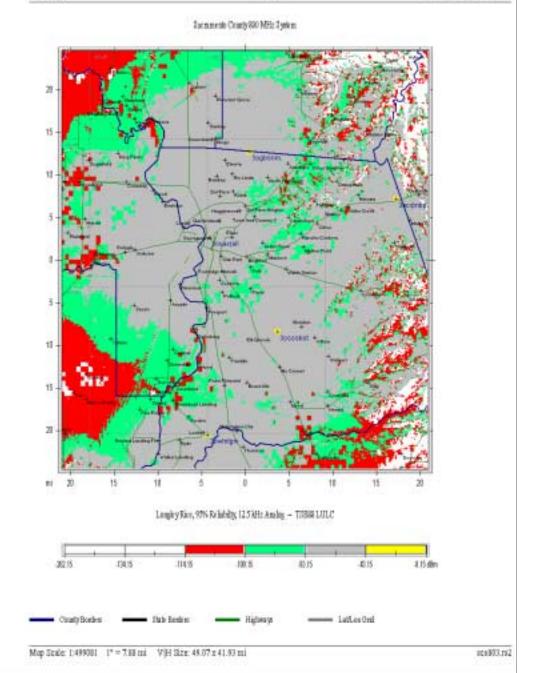


Sacramento County 5-Site System

Gray = mobile coverage (outside buildings)

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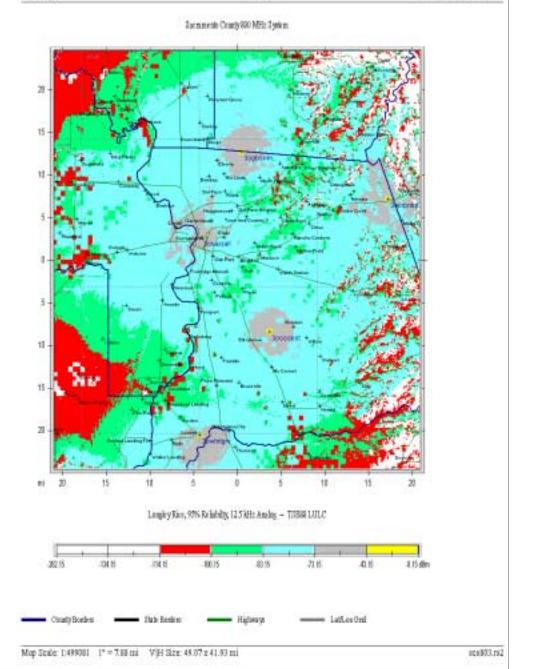
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Gray = portable coverage inside buildings (assuming a 20dB margin required) Consthaly SERCE Standay, October 20, 2001



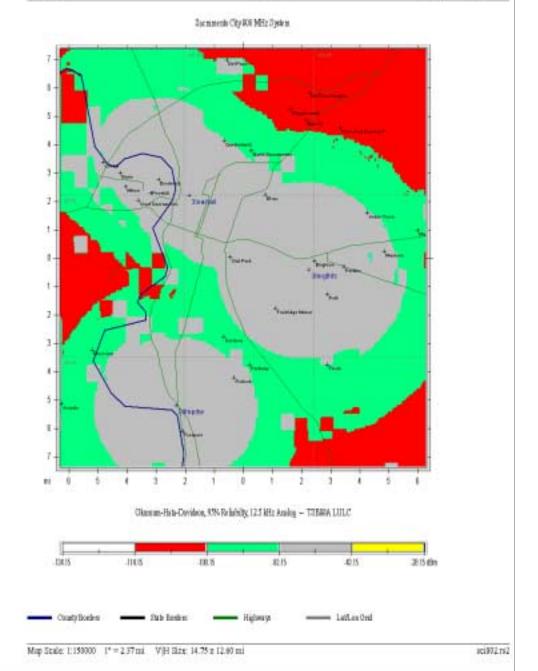


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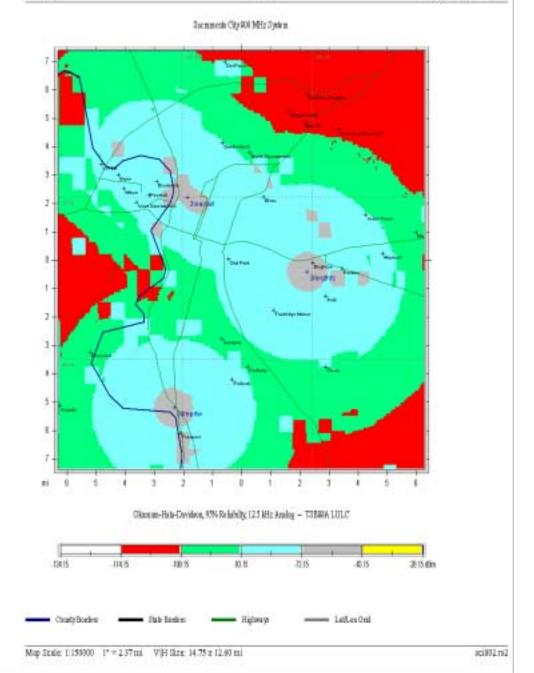
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## TV Channels 63, 64, 68, and 69

(63 = 764-770 MHz; 64 = 770-776 MHz; 68 = 794-800 MHz; 69 = 800-806 MHz)

- ➤ Why 764-806 MHz
  - ➤ adjacent to 806-869 MHz spectrum
  - > structured allocations
  - ➤ imminent channel pair availability in this frequency range
  - ➤ only large block of public safety spectrum becoming available in the foreseeable future
- ➤ as such, it is the spectrum most conducive to allowing for wide area coverage



Licensed as Full-Power Digital TV Channels

Protected until at least 2007





Licensed as Full-Power National Television System Committee (NTSC) Channels

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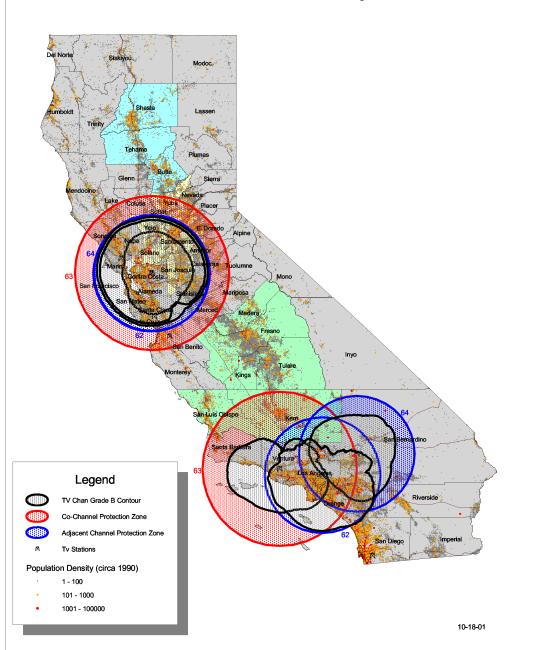


$$Co = 63;$$

Adjacent = 
$$62$$
,  $64$ 

#### **Phase I Implementation Area Alternatives**

TV Channel 63 Protection Regions



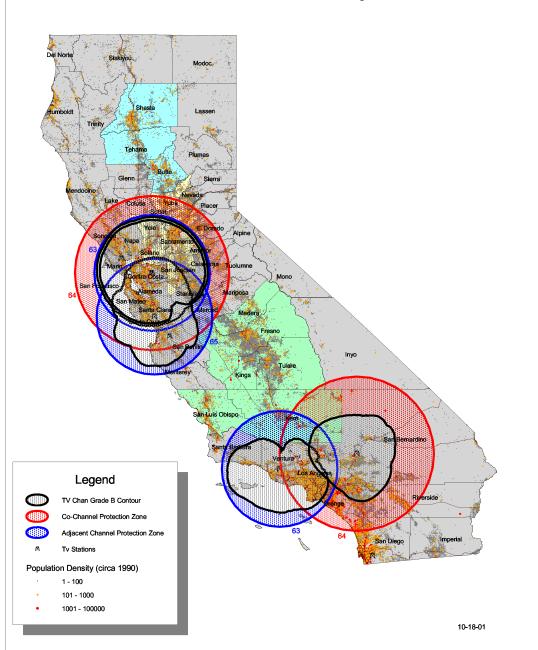


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#### **Phase I Implementation Area Alternatives**

TV Channel 64 Protection Regions



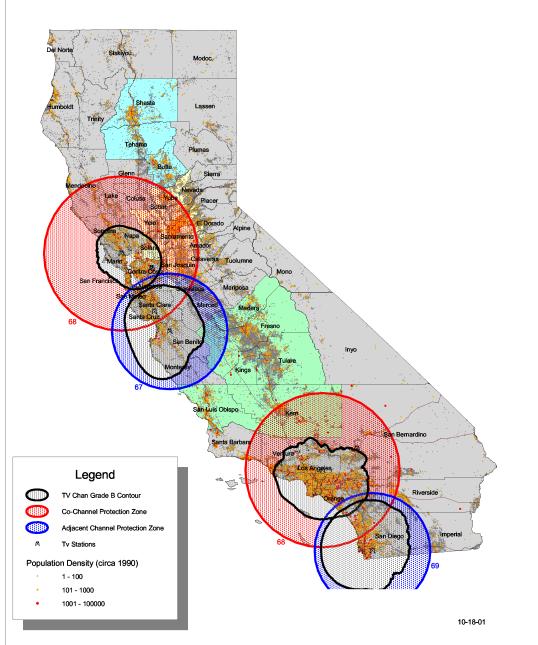


$$Co = 68;$$

Adjacent = 
$$67$$
,  $69$ 

#### **Phase I Implementation Area Alternatives**

TV Channel 68 Protection Regions



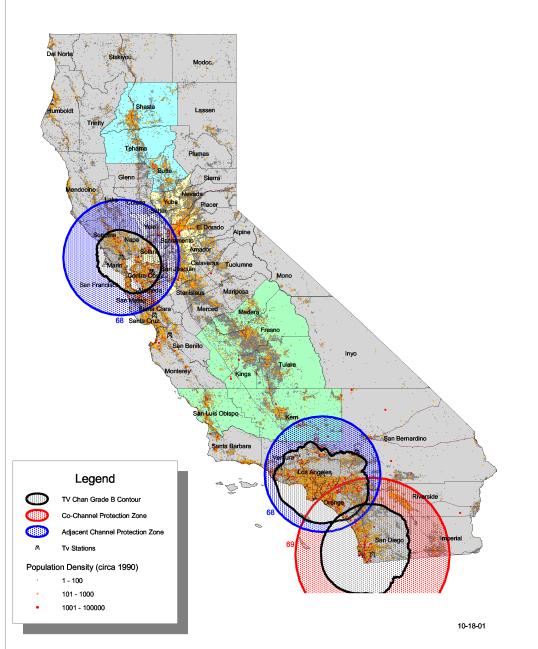


$$Co = 69;$$

$$Adjacent = 68$$

#### **Phase I Implementation Area Alternatives**

TV Channel 69 Protection Regions





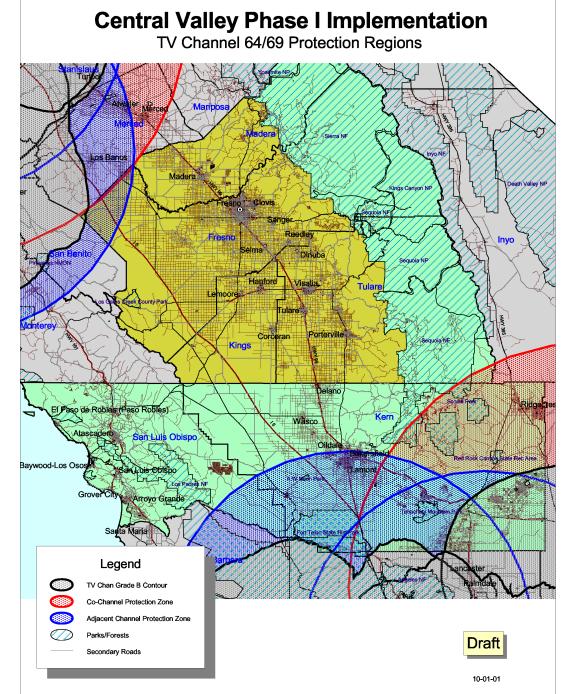
## CENTRAL VALLEY PHASE I PROJECT AREA

- ➤Will comprise some subset within six full counties with an aggregate area of ≈ 25,762 mi<sup>2</sup>
- ➤ Some of the area designated as National Parks and National Forests
- ➤ Currently investigating a service area of about 9,100 mi<sup>2</sup>
- ➤ Comparable in area to Massachusetts at 9,241 mi<sup>2</sup>, New Hampshire at 9,283 mi<sup>2</sup>, or New Jersey at 8,215 mi<sup>2</sup>



Gold Area plus a few sites in green area being considered for Phase I.

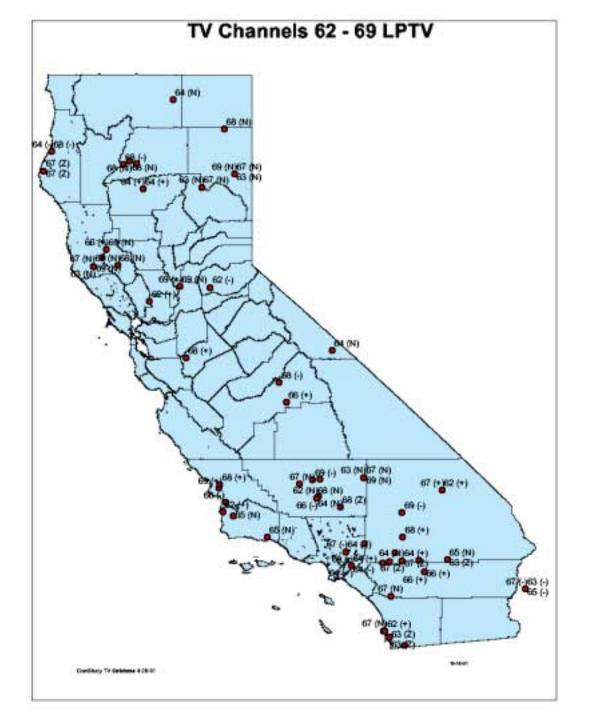
Note: Public-safety channel pairs in the 64/69 range are the least impacted by commercial TV providers.





## Other Considerations:

LPTV stations are secondary, but should be apprised well in advance of intentions



### Region 5 (Southern CA) 700 MHz Regional Plan Draft Channel-Pair Distributions as of September 2001

480 NARROWBAND BASE CHANNELS - SEGMENT 1 (6.25 kHz each, aggregate to 25 kHz) 764 MHz 120 WIDEBAND BASE CHANNELS - SEGMENT 1 (50 kHz each, aggregate to 150 kHz) 767 MHz 55 56 59 61 65 75 84 83 85 773 MHz 480 NARROWBAND BASE CHANNELS - SEGMENT 2 (6.25 kHz each, aggregate to 25 kHz)

773 MHz

776 MHz



# INTERIM CONFIGURATIONS (CHP Example)

#### **Conventional & Trunked Radio Communications System Comprised Of:**

Decreasing # of Conventional Analog Mobile/Portable Extender Combinations;

Increasing # of Digital
Trunked Mobile/Portable
Extender Combinations

Decrease in Leased MDC Services;

Increase in Diversified Access to Data Sources via MDC's



Decreasing # of Conventional Analog Portable/Extender Units

Increasing # of Trunked Digital Portable/Vehicle Extender Units





# FINAL CONFIGURATION (CHP Example)

### WHERE WE ARE GOING

Trunked Voice & Diversified Data Communications System Featuring:

**Enhanced Interoperability With Allied Agencies** 

**Secure Communications** 



Digital Portable/Extender Units

Digital Mobile/Portable Extender Combinations;

Various Access Paths to Data Sources via MDC's



### Questions



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